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REF A: MISSION YANKEE TEAM 41A, 23. NOV 68

REF B: NPIC MSG 5261; DTG140109Z. DEC 68

INITIAL SCAN BY NPIC OF MISSION 389B OF 6 DEC 1968 REVEALS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON ROADS IN THE PANHANDLE OF LAOS.

1. SEGMENTS OF ROUTES 23, 12, 128, AND 1281 ARE OPEN AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TWO YEARS. RECENT VEHICLE TRACKS ARE ON ROUTE 23 BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH ROUTE 1221 AT 17-33-2 105-44-05E (UTM WE779411) AND ROUTE 12 AT 17-34-10N 105-43-3 (WE771425). THIS SEGMENT WAS CLOSED ON (RE ROUTE 12 REMAINS IN DISUSE BETWEEN MU GIA PASS AND ITS JUNCT ROUTE 23; HOWEVER, FROM THIS JUNCTION IT IS SUSTAINING LIGHT WEST FOR AT LEAST 10 NM TO 17-35-12N 105-34-04E (WE692443). APPARENTLY NOT IN USE THE ROAD IS THEN SERVICEABLE

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TO ITS JUNCTION WITH ROUTE 128. ROUTE 12 IS UNSERVICEABLE FROM THIS POINT WEST TO ITS SECOND JUNCTION WITH ROUTE 128 AT 17-30-20N 105-19-15E (WE340353). FROM THIS POINT WEST TO THE OF PHOTO COVERAGE AT 17-31-28N 105-17-35E (WE311373) ROUTE 12 IS USE, POSSIBLY AS FAR AS ROUTE 8, WHICH WAS REOPENED IN LATE 1968 (REF B).

THIS MISSION COMBINED WITH MISSION REVEALED ROUTE 128 IS SUSTAINING LIGHT USAGE EAST FROM ITS WESTERN TERMINUS WITH ROUTE 12 TO 17-31-37N 105-31-00E (WE548377), AND R 1281 IS OPEN IN ITS ENTIRETY BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH ROUTES 128 AND 23.

2. A PROBABLE TRUCK PARK IS OBSERVED AT 17-04-01N 105-56-57E (XD009870) ON A FORMER BY-PASS ROAD NEAR THE ROUTE 911/912 JUNCTION. A WELL-USED ACCESS ROAD CONNECTS THE TRUCK PARK WITH ROUTE 911 AT XD016868.

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